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1. Troops and materiel from the Friedrich Franz Kaserne loaded in Neuruppin on 4 and 7 June 1953 and leaving toward Neustadt on the Dosse River included: 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers on 4 flatcars; 16 trucks

on 16 flatcars, and 2 field kitchens on 1 flatcar, on 4 June; and 14 x 37-mm AA guns on 14 flatcars, 13 trucks on 13 flatcars, radio trucks and 2 field kitchens on 3 flatcars, and troops, billeting equipment and ration supplies on 15 boxcars, at 1 p.m. on 7 June. Motor vehicle [redacted] were identified. At 6:30 p.m. on 4 June, troops and materiel from the See Kaserne loaded at Neuruppin and leaving toward Neustadt on the Dosse River included 24 trucks towing 160-mm mortars on 24 flatcars, 32 trucks,

[redacted] on 32 flatcars; and 2 radio trucks and 2 field kitchens, on 2 flatcars. 1 25X1

2. At 4:15 p.m. on 4 June, a train of 15 boxcars and 41 flatcars was loaded with an undetermined number of 132-mm rocket launchers and motor vehicles and left toward Forst Zinna. Fifty railroad cars were made available for loadings on 7 June. 1 25X1

3. On 15 May, one Lieutenant Colonel Stetsenkov (fnu) was determined in the See Kaserne.

4. On 29 May, the former girls' school, Neuruppin, was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

[redacted] On 25 May, 18 trucks were in the barracks yard.² 25X1

5. Loadings observed at the Neuruppin railroad station on 4 and 7 June included a train of 12 boxcars occupied by about 450 troops; and 42 flatcars carrying 28 x 120-mm mortars, 4 rocket launchers, [redacted] and an undetermined

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[coming from the See Kaserne and proceeding toward Altengrabow on 4 June; and a train of 12 boxcars occupied by about 500 troops; and 50 flatcars carrying 52 trucks, including 10 towing 37-mm AA guns and 6 mounting AA machine guns]

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[coming from the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and proceeding toward Wittstock on 7 June.] On 7 June, the See Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops and the Friedrich Franz Kaserne by about 1,800 troops.

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6. On 21 May, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied by about 3,500 to 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. On 21 May, 30 to 40 medium tanks [] were assembled in the training area 1.5 km east of Storbeck, 200 meters west of the road to Guehlen. Six medium tanks at driving practice, JS-3 tank [] and T-43 tank [] were seen east of the road to Guehlen and south of the road to Molchow. Motor vehicle [] seen en route to and from the installation

7. On 21 May, the Wulkow estate was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Fresh imprints of tank tracks led from the estate toward Lindow. 2

8. At 9:30 a.m. on 26 May, a military shipment, attached to a regular train, coming from the direction of Kremmen arrived at the Neuruppin railroad station and was sidetracked. No detraining was observed. The shipment included 8 trucks, including 6 towing 85-mm AA guns, on flatcars and about 250 troops and ammunition on 4 boxcars. Motor vehicle [] were identified.

9. On 30 May, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied to capacity, with sentries observed wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. All barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 23 May, 6 trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns and 4 T-34/85 tanks, [] were seen leaving the installation. Ten JS-1 tanks and 3 SU-100 guns were in the barracks yard. The T-34/85 tanks returned in the evening of the same day. On 26 May, five amphibious vehicles, [] were in the barracks yard. On 30 May, trucks [] which were empty, were seen in the rear section of the barracks area. At about 4:50 p.m., about 120 troops armed with submachine guns were entering the installation, returning from [], a major field exercise. Trucks [] were seen en route to and from the installation.

10. On 11 May, the post hospital was occupied as previously by a division headquarters. Gds Colonel Potemkin (fmu) succeeded the previous commander, who had returned to the USSR. Lieutenant Moslimov (fmu) was also there. [] a small unit, which had also been stationed there, transferred to the See Kaserne.

11. On 11 May, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 troops. No combined-arms training was observed.

12. On 11 May, the former Telegrafentbauamt (telegraph line construction bureau) was occupied by about 300 troops. [] one Isaakov (fmu) was chief of the unit.

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13. On 11 May, the Gentzrode estate was occupied as previously. Major Khrom (fmu) was still in charge of the supply. The training area, [redacted] was for tanks, stretched from the Fridericus Kaserne as far as the Gentzrode estate. Opposite the training area was the Storbeck firing range for tanks and artillery.

14. On 26 May, an exercise involving two infantry companies was observed at the Gentzrode training area north of Frankendorf. On 1 June, five T-34 tanks, [redacted] were firing with live ammunition at the west side of the Gentzrode training area, while machine guns fired toward the east side of the area. An SU-122 gun [redacted] out of battery was on the dirt road from Alt-Ruppin to Gentzrode.

15. On 1 June, [redacted] a heavy tank with 6 bogie wheels without track-supporting rollers, a round turret, which was rather flat and slanting, a gun without muzzle brake and in the center line; and with two auxiliary tanks on either side in the rear, at the Gentzrode training area.

16. Between 30 April and 5 May, an AT firing range, about 150 meters long, was determined northeast of the Gentzrode estate. The emplacement as well as the shelters had glass roofs. Firing with a light AT gun was observed. Preparations for the construction of a second firing range were discernible. Driving school vehicles [redacted] were seen en route toward Neuruppin-Katerbow and vice versa several times a day during the period under review.

17. Between 9 and 19 May, no loadings or unloadings were observed at the Altruppin railroad station. Nor passed any troop trains through the station.

18. On 28 May, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied by about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia or artillery insignia. At about 9 a.m., about 50 soldiers were lined up in the barracks yard and three T-34 tanks were nearby. At about 10:45 a.m., three trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun and occupied by 12 soldiers wearing artillery insignia, left the installation toward Altruppin. At about noon, six T-34 tanks were seen at driving practice and an undetermined number of troops were drilling on an SP gun, about 500 meters north of the installation and 300 meters west of Molchow Lake. At about 3 p.m., the SP gun left toward the installation. At about 3:30 p.m., a column of 4 trucks, [redacted] and truck [redacted] were seen leaving the installation.

19. On 19 May, the Fridericus Kaserne was heavily occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 95 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. On 17 May, three JS tanks and two tank hulls were seen in the area 2 km northeast of the installation.

20. On 19 May, the post hospital was occupied not to capacity. Between 13 and 19 May, about 25 soldiers received instruction on 4 x 120-mm mortars and 12 soldiers received instruction on 2 AA machine guns. On 16 May, 12 soldiers received instruction on two 132-mm rocket launchers in the vicinity of Treskow-harbor, and, on 19 May, about 6 soldiers received instruction on a 37-mm AA gun at the same place.²

21. On 26 May, a column of about 60 motor vehicles, including 35 to 40 towing AT guns, which [redacted] were 85-mm guns, was seen on Neustaedter Strasse, coming from the town center of Neuruppin and proceeding toward

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west-southwest. Vehicles and guns appeared to be factory-new and had apparently new tires.

1. [redacted] Comment. The trains carried exclusively artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div. According to weapons, they belonged to the 226th Mort Regt, the unidentified AAA regiment and the unidentified Gds RL battalion. 25X1

[redacted] one of the two trains loaded on 4 June went to Forst Zinna. All three shipments presumably went to Justerbog for firing practices, although [redacted] the train on 7 June left toward Wittstock. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment.

[redacted] The occupation strength of the former girls' school 25X1 given in paragraph 4 is [redacted] not more than 25X1 about 200 men. After the transfer of the previous commanding officer of the division, Gds Colonel Yurenko (fnu), Gds Colonel Potemkin (fnu), can be carried in this position.

3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the shipment involved an 25X1 AAA unit of the air force, which may have returned from firing practice. However, the unit presumably is equipped only with light AA guns, as no 25X1 units with medium AA guns are believed stationed at Jaegerplatz in Neuruppin.

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